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COVISION Co-Design Workshop: Plans firming up

Acting on good advice from the April CRAG meeting, the COVISION team are firming up plans for the COVISION Co-design Workshop. It will kick off with a "**Hackathon**"; a live face-to-face activity on Sunday 26 June at the Office of the Children's Ombudsman (OCO) in Dublin. There will be on-line sessions during the summer holidays, and it will end with "**Pitch Day**"; another live event at the OCO space during the Halloween mid-term break.

CRAG members will be able to join the Co-Design Workshop. Find out more at the May CRAG meeting – see below.

Send us your creative work – final push to extend global reach

Over 90 children and young people have now shared their COVID-inspired creative work with COVISION. The research team thanks the COVISION CRAG for their suggestions that helped improve the system for submitting art work, and ways to publicise and promote it.

Most of the work submitted so far comes from Ireland, so in the final weeks of the campaign, we are working to reach children and young people in other countries and encourage them to send us their work.

You can scan this QR code to go directly to our on-line app and submit your art.

COVISION CRAG India

Our sister COVISION CRAG in India held its first meeting in April. Eight children and young people aged 12-17 from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in the South of India met on-line to form the first COVISION CRAG outside Ireland. While they are still getting to know each other, some already have advocacy experience and are excited that they get to talk about their COVID-19 experiences. They are looking forward to meeting again in the coming weeks, and hope to meet with their Ireland CRAG colleagues as the project continues.

COVISION Ireland CRAG 7th meeting, Sunday 15 May

The COVISION Ireland CRAG will hold its 7th meeting on Sunday 15 May, online via Zoom at the usual time of 4.00 pm. The main item for discussion will be the plan for the *"Hackathon"*, the live event in Dublin that will kick off the COVISION Co-Design Workshop. The goal of the hackathon is to come up with good ideas, from the children and young people's point of view, for creative responses that will support children, families and communities affected by pandemics and other crises in the future.

An important event like this needs the right balance between a fun and friendly atmosphere, and a job well done. This is where CRAG members' ideas and suggestions are of vital importance. **DON'T MISS IT.**